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Mr. Hugh McDonald
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Dear Hugh:

Very nice to talk to you the other day. Do keep well!!!

One thought: as there are discrepancies in Saul's story, and as you very wisely do not wish to tamper with it, would it not make sense to place some type of disclaimer in the book along the following lines:

> ' We have printed Saul's story just as he gave it to us. However, there are several details which do not square with other information which was independently gathered and which appears to be factually correct. It is our tentative conclusion that although Saul's story is basically correct and we believe that he did shoot President Kennedy, he changed certain details in order to shield his employers. Had he not done this, his life would not have been worth a plugged nickel, even if I had let him go alive.'

Such a disclaimer will slow down the inevitable nit-pickers, and also make the story more believable to the general reading public.

To back up your belief in the <u>basic</u> truth of his confession, you can point out that, in addition to giving him no clues as to <u>what</u> story you demanded, no one except a person intimately connected with the killing could have come up instantly with a story that fit the known facts in <u>most</u> particulars.

Need any more volunteer advice?

Seriously, warm regards, keep well and good luck.

Sincerely,

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

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